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St. Paul's AME Zion Church (Site)
410 Delaware Ave.
Salisbury, MD 21801

1906, 1942, 1968

Access: Public

St. Paul AME Zion Church is located on the west side of Delaware Ave. It faces east. The present structure was built in 1942 and veneered with brick and renovated in 1968. The history of the AME Zion church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is very interesting. They did not appear until after the turn of the present century and there were only three of them...Trinity (St. Michaels), St. Pauls (Salisbury) and St. James (Salisbury). The church in St. Michaels was the oldest of the "Zion" churches but that congregation has been disbanded for years. St. Paul and St. James were both founded by the Rev. C.M. Oliver. The first St. Paul's was built in 1906 and St. James in 1918, but their congregations are slightly older than the dates of the churches (Trinity, St. Michaels was built in 1901). It seems strange that the AME Zion Church would dominate in Salisbury rather than the AME (Bethel) that is prevalent throughout the Eastern Shore and the rest of Maryland.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Paul's AME Zion Church (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

410 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Wicomico

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Trustees, St. Paul's AME Zion Church
C/O Rev. Arthur J. Parker

Telephone #: 546-5661

STREET & NUMBER

410 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD, 21801**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wicomico Co. Court House

Liber #: JCK 134

Folio #: 329

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Salisbury

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>1906</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Paul AME Zion Church is located on the west side of Delaware Ave. in Salisbury. The church was founded in 1906. This structure was built in 1942 and veneered with brick and renovated in 1968. It is of no particular architectural interest. I have included photographs and slides.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1906-1942-1968

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The history of the AME Zion Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland is very interesting. There are only two "Zion" churches now in existence, St. Paul's AME Zion (Salisbury) and St. James AME Zion (Salisbury). There was a third "Zion" church in St. Michaels (Trinity AME Zion-1901) but that congregation has now disbanded. This New York originated AME Church has only 4 congregations in Delaware and the Eastern Shore. St. Paul's was founded by the Rev. C.M. Oliver in 1900. They built their first church in 1906. It is now a smaller congregation than their sister church, St. James AME Zion. It is strange that the AME Zion Church would predominate in Salisbury rather than the AME (Bethel) that is prevalent on the Eastern Shore and throughout Maryland.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

James W. Clark, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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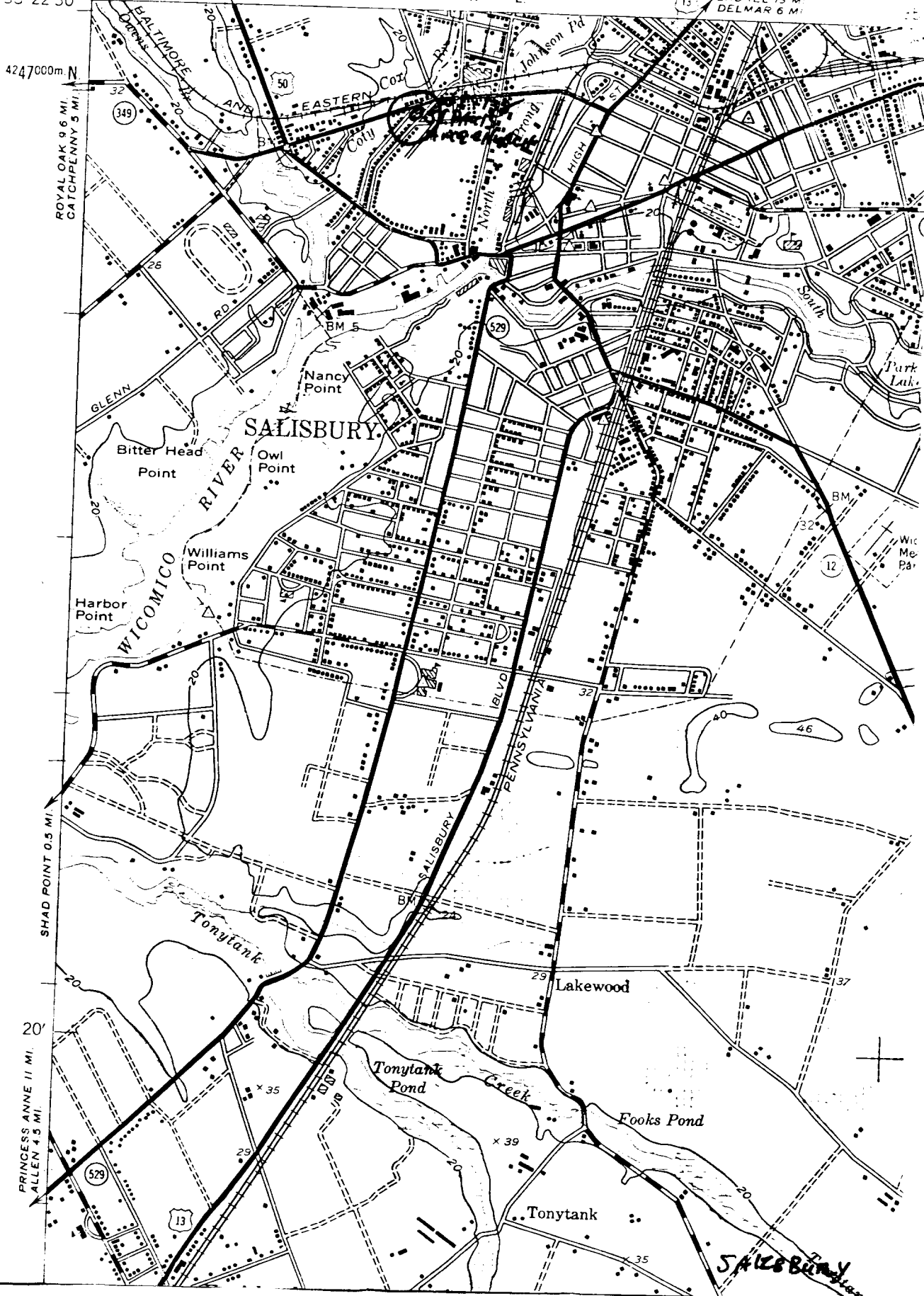
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38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI
VIENNA 15 MI

4247000m E

LAUREL 13 MI
DELMAR 6 MI

4247000m N
ROYAL OAK 9.6 MI
CATCHPLENNY 5 MI





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Northeast elevation
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